

**TOWN OF NEW GLASGOW**  
**TOWN COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**  
**MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 2025**

A regular meeting of New Glasgow Town Council was held on Monday, September 15, 2025, at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers. Present were Mayor Dicks, Deputy Mayor Dorrington, Councillors Joe MacDonald, Jessica MacDonald, McKenna, Fraser, and Peters. Also present were: Lisa MacDonald, CAO; Kim Livingston, Director of Corporate Services; Ross White, Director of Fire, Inspection and Emergency Services; Earl MacKenzie, Director of Engineering and Public Works; Ryan Leil, NGRP Chief; Rebecca Lewis-MacNeil, Director of Human Resources and Corporate Communications; Michelle Ward, Director of Community Development; Kim Dickson, Director of Strategic Initiatives; Alison Tait, Deputy Clerk; Jeff Hamelin, Information Technology Support Services; Sean O'Connor, Unsightly Property Administrator/Bylaw Officer; Frank DeMont, Solicitor; Shelley Manning representing Pictou County Food Bank East, and Micheal Vienneau, resident of New Glasgow. Absent from the meeting were staff members, Nick Hirtle, NGRP Deputy Chief; Audrey Buchanan, Assistant Director of Engineering and Derek Eisan, Director of I.T.

Mayor Dicks stated that as we gather this evening, we pause to remember that in this province we live and work on lands that are by law the unceded territories of the Wabanaki peoples – predominantly the land of the Mi'kmaq. May we live with respect on this land and live in peace and friendship with its people. We also recognize the African Nova Scotians whose culture, heritage, and history have been and remain a key part of our province for more than 400 years.

**AGENDA**

It was regularly moved and seconded that the agenda be approved as presented.

Motion carried.

## **PETITIONS/DELEGATIONS/PRESENTATIONS**

### **PRESENTATION – PICTOU COUNTY FOOD BANK EAST**

In attendance was Pictou County Food Bank East representative, Shelley Manning, Media Relations. Through volunteers and donations, the Pictou County Food Bank East was able to fulfill 5325 orders which served 1348 households from January 1 to August 31, 2025, this includes 198 new households within this time frame.

Mayor Dicks thanked Shelley for the informative presentation and commended the Pictou County Food Bank East for its vital work supporting the more vulnerable members of the Town.

### **PRESENTATION TO THE TOWN FOR 150 – MICHAEL VIENNEAU**

Michael Vienneau presented a numbered, framed print of his painting titled “Across the Bridge” to the Mayor and Town Council in recognition of the Town’s 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebrations.

Mayor Dicks expressed sincere appreciation to Mr. Vienneau for his generosity, time, and thoughtful contribution to the Town’s legacy.

### **ORDER TO APPEAR – DEMOLITION – 52 DONALD STREET**

Mayor Dicks called three times for anyone wishing to speak regarding the Order to Appear for the demolition of 52 Donald Street.

There was no one present.

Mayor Dicks asked Sean O’Connor, Unsightly Premises Administrator, if there was any additional information that should be considered.

Unsightly Premises Administrator, Sean O’Connor advised that there has been no change in the condition of the property and no response from the property manager or property owner.

It was regularly moved and seconded to follow the Order and have the owner demolish the home at 52 Donald Street within 30 days.

Motion carried.

## **APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA**

It was regularly moved and seconded that the consent agenda including the Council and Committee of the Whole Meeting minutes of August 18, 2025 and proclamations for:

- i. Welcoming Week – September 12 – 21, 2025
- ii. Culture Days – September 19 – October 12, 2025
- iii. International Day of Peace – September 21, 2025
- iv. National Forest Week – September 21 – 27, 2025
- v. Right to Know Week – September 22 – 28, 2025
- vi. National Day for Truth & Reconciliation – September 30, 2025
- vii. Breast Cancer Awareness Month – October 2025
- viii. Circular Economy Month – October 2025 &  
Waste Reduction Week October 20 – 26, 2025
- ix. Wrongful Conviction Day – October 2, 2025
- x. International Day of Pregnancy & Infant Loss Awareness Day – October 15, 2025

It was regularly moved and seconded that the Consent Agenda be approved as presented.

Motion carried.

## **REPORTS**

### **COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE REPORT**

It was regularly moved and seconded that the Committee of the Whole Report be accepted as circulated.

Motion carried.

## **FINANCE REPORT**

It was regularly moved and seconded that the Finance Report be accepted as circulated.

Motion carried.

## **ENGINEERING AND PUBLIC WORKS REPORT**

It was regularly moved and seconded that the Engineering and Public Works Report be accepted as circulated.

Motion carried.

## **SOLID WASTE REPORT**

It was regularly moved and seconded that the Solid Waste Report be accepted as circulated.

Motion carried.

## **POLICE REPORT**

It was regularly moved and seconded that the Police Report be accepted as circulated.

Councillor Joe MacDonald inquired with Chief Leil about the factors contributing to the high call volume in August.

Chief Leil stated that many of these calls are related to social stresses such as homelessness, mental health, and drug addictions. Chief Leil stated that this is the highest call volume he has seen in his 21 years of service with the New Glasgow Regional Police.

Motion carried.

## **COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT REPORT**

It was regularly moved and seconded that the Community Development Report be accepted as circulated.

Motion carried.

## **BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT REPORT**

It was regularly moved and seconded that the Business Development Report be accepted as presented.

Motion carried.

## **FIRE REPORT AND FIRE INSPECTION REPORT**

It was regularly moved and seconded that the Fire Report and Fire Inspection Report be accepted as circulated.

Motion carried.

## **BUILDING REPORT**

It was regularly moved and seconded that the Building Report be accepted as circulated.

Motion carried.

## **INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY REPORT**

It was regularly moved and seconded that the Information Technology Report be accepted as circulated.

Motion carried.

## **HUMAN RESOURCES AND CORPORATE COMMUNICATIONS REPORT**

It was regularly moved and seconded that the Human Resources and Corporate Communications Report be accepted as circulated.

Motion carried.

## **STRATEGIC INITIATIVES REPORT**

It was regularly moved and seconded that the Strategic Initiatives Report be accepted as circulated.

Motion carried.

## **ACCOUNTS**

It was regularly moved and seconded that the accounts be approved as presented.

Motion carried.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

It was regularly moved and seconded that the meeting be adjourned at 6:27 p.m.

Motion carried.